# Position Qualification for Operational Communications Incident Management

# RESOURCES UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Resources Unit Leader tracks the location and status of all resources assigned to an incident.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol> <li>This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Incident Management Team).</li> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment.</li> <li>Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs.</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	The Resources Unit Leader:  1. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Planning Section  2. Configures unit with personnel to support operations  3. Compares resource needs with a list of resources available for assignment and follows the ordering process to submit completed resource requests, as necessary  4. Coordinates with other units to maintain the status of available, assigned and out- of-service resources  5. Ensures all assigned resources have checked in at the incident  6. Coordinates with the Demobilization Unit to track demobilizing resources	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Completion of the following:  1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100  2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200  3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents  4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction  5. IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management  6. IS-706: NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction  7. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction  8. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview  9. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface  10. E/L 0965: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leaders Course, or equivalent	I. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.     The NIMS Training Program defines a national baseline to guide and promote NIMS training. It provides recommendations to assist Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in developing their own training plans, tailored to their specific needs.
EXPERIENCE	Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Resources Unit Leader, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Experience in incident management in a subordinate position	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Light	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
CURRENCY	Functions in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every five years	A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



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# **NOTES**

- 1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
- 2. Additional training on this position is available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group at https://www.nwcg.gov/positions.

# **REFERENCES**

- 1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Incident Management Team
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- 5. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
- 6. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
- 7. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published